

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants acknowledge that the previous Amendment After Final Rejection, dated June 25, 2008, has been entered and that the double patenting rejections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have thus been overcome.

By this Amendment, Applicants have revised claim 19 to correct a minor grammatical error. The specification has also been amended to comply with the requirements for benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In particular, the listing of patent applications to which the present application claims benefit has been moved to the first sentence of the specification and revised to include the appropriate wording. A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) for unintentionally delayed benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is also being filed herewith.

As previously set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection of June 25, Applicants' domestic benefit claim is sufficient to disqualify the Burbank reference (WO 01/37786) as prior art with respect to this application. Thus, the rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14, and 16-30 based on Burbank should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this application now be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T4342-14198US17) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be

required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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